to 15 percent in the budget proposals for 1993-94. The duty has now been brought down from 15 percent to 12.5 percent.

Capital Restructuring of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

2133. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any decision regarding the Capital restructur'ng of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the holding company of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the details of the capital restructuring formula;

(c) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay on the part of Government has pushed the cost of Plant several times and loans kept on mounting to unmanageable levels, indicating the amount cf non-Government loans taken from various financial institutions as on 1st April. 1992; and

(d) by when the plant is expected to be fully revived ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The pro posal of Restructuring the Capital Base of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Linrted is sfil! under consideration of the Government.

(c) The delay in completion and commissioning of Visakhapatnam Steel Project for various reasons has resulted in the cost over-runs of the Project. Due to non-availability of full budgetary support, funds *were* mobilised by way of raising loans from financial institutions, Banks, other Public Sector Undertakings and Public Bonds. The loans outstanding from these sources as on 1st April, 1992 were of the order of Rs. 1663 crores

(d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is expected *to* achieve full capacity utilisation by 1996-97 and earn a net profit from the year 1997-98.

Production Cost of Steel in Vishakhapat nam Steel Plant

2134. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of STEEL bs pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of different categories of steel produced at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the corresponding figures in other units of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to, reduce cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) It will not be in the commercial interest of the companies to disclose their cost of production Some units of Stage-II of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) were commissioned last year and are still in the process of stabilisation. With a view to improving production and a gradual build up of capacity utilisation, VSP management has taken steps with the help of foreign spec'a-lists to remove the bottlenecks.

As the Plant achieves higher production levels and batter techno-economic parameters, the cost of production will further come down.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास वायुयान

2135. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास कितने वायुयान हैं और इनकी कीमत क्या है; और

(ख) क्या इन वायुयानों पर किसी गैर-सरकारी व्यक्ति को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने की कोई व्यवस्था है; यदि हां, तो अब तक कित-